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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Application No. 09/183,732

Filing Date October 30, 1998

First Named Inventor Williams et al.

Group Art Unit 2611

Examiner Name Miller, J.

Attorney Docket No. 042390.P6485

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**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 1/10/02  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other (cited reference) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type) Gordon R. Lindeen III

Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 33,192

Signature

Date 2/12/02

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2.  Payment Enclosed:  
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on February 12, 2002  
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Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

## FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| <u>Large Entity</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee Description</u>             | <u>Fee Paid</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fee                 | Fee                 | Fee                                |                 |
| Code                | (\$)                | Code                               | (\$)            |
| 101                 | 740                 | 201                                | 370             |
| 106                 | 330                 | 206                                | 165             |
| 107                 | 510                 | 207                                | 255             |
| 108                 | 740                 | 208                                | 370             |
| 114                 | 160                 | 214                                | 80              |
|                     |                     | Utility application filing fee     |                 |
|                     |                     | Design application filing fee      |                 |
|                     |                     | Plant filing fee                   |                 |
|                     |                     | Reissue filing fee                 |                 |
|                     |                     | Provisional application filing fee |                 |

SUBTOTAL (1) \$ 0.00April Winkler  
SignatureDate 2/12/022. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

|                             | <u>Extra Claims</u> | <u>Fee from below</u> | <u>Fee Paid</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Total Claims <u>32</u>      | <u>- 32** = 0</u>   | <u>X 18.00</u>        | <u>= 0.00</u>   |
| Independent Claims <u>5</u> | <u>- 5** = 0</u>    | <u>X 84.00</u>        | <u>= 0.00</u>   |
| Multiple Dependent          |                     |                       |                 |

\*\*Or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below.

| <u>Large Entity</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee Description</u>                                    |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| Fee                 | Fee                 | Fee   |
| Code                | (\$)                | Code  |
| 103                 | 18                  | 203   |
| 102                 | 84                  | 202   |
| 104                 | 280                 | 204   |
| 109                 | 84                  | 209   |
| 110                 | 18                  | 210   |
|                     |                     | Claims in excess of 20                                    |
|                     |                     | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |
|                     |                     | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                     |
|                     |                     | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
|                     |                     | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0.00

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| <b>Large Entity</b> |             | <b>Small Entity</b> |             |  |                 |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>Fee</b>          | <b>Fee</b>  | <b>Fee</b>          | <b>Fee</b>  | <b>Fee Description</b>   | <b>Fee Paid</b> |
| <b>Code</b>         | <b>(\$)</b> | <b>Code</b>         | <b>(\$)</b> |  |                 |
| 105                 | 130         | 205                 | 65          | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |                 |
| 127                 | 50          | 227                 | 25          | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet   |                 |
| 139                 | 130         | 139                 | 130         | Non-English specification  |                 |
| 147                 | 2,520       | 147                 | 2,520       | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination  |                 |
| 099                 | 8,800       | 099                 | 8,800       | Request for inter partes reexamination   |                 |
| 112                 | 920*        | 112                 | 920*        | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action   |                 |
| 113                 | 1,840*      | 113                 | 1,840*      | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action  |                 |
| 115                 | 110         | 215                 | 55          | Extension for response within first month  |                 |
| 116                 | 400         | 216                 | 200         | Extension for response within second month   |                 |
| 117                 | 920         | 217                 | 460         | Extension for response within third month  |                 |
| 118                 | 1,440       | 218                 | 720         | Extension for response within fourth month   |                 |
| 128                 | 1,960       | 228                 | 980         | Extension for response within fifth month  |                 |
| 119                 | 320         | 219                 | 160         | Notice of Appeal   |                 |
| 120                 | 320         | 220                 | 160         | Filing a brief in support of an appeal   |                 |
| 121                 | 280         | 221                 | 140         | Request for oral hearing   |                 |
| 138                 | 1,510       | 138                 | 1,510       | Petition to institute a public use proceeding  |                 |
| 140                 | 110         | 240                 | 55          | Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application or unavoidably delayed payment of issue fee         |                 |
| 141                 | 1,280       | 241                 | 640         | Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application or unintentionally delayed payment of issue fee |                 |
| 142                 | 1,280       | 242                 | 640         | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |                 |
| 143                 | 460         | 243                 | 230         | Design issue fee   |                 |
| 144                 | 620         | 244                 | 310         | Plant issue fee  |                 |
| 122                 | 130         | 122                 | 130         | Petitions to the Commissioner  |                 |
| 123                 | 50          | 123                 | 50          | Petitions related to provisional applications  |                 |
| 126                 | 180         | 126                 | 180         | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt  |                 |
| 581                 | 40          | 581                 | 40          | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)                               |                 |
| 146                 | 740         | 246                 | 370         | For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a))                                      |                 |
| 149                 | 740         | 249                 | 370         | For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))                                       |                 |
| 179                 | 740         | 279                 | 370         | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)  | <u>740.00</u>   |
| 169                 | 900         | 169                 | 900         | Request for expedited examination of a design application  |                 |

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBTOTAL (3) \$740.00**

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